

Please amend claims 1 and 9 as follows:

1. A restaurant videoconferencing system comprising:

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a) a first plurality of booths in at least a first restaurant geographic location, a number of the first plurality of booths being located in an open area sized to accommodate movement of restaurant workers and patrons, wherein the plurality of first booths are open to each other to promote a restaurant interactive social atmosphere;

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b) a second plurality of booths in at least a second restaurant geographic location, a number of the second plurality of booths being located in an open area sized to accommodate movement of restaurant workers and patrons, wherein the plurality of first booths are open to each other;

c) ~~at least one booth~~ the number of booths in each of the first and second locations being equipped with at least one viewing screen and connected via a network providing both videoconferencing between booths in different geographic locations and multi-media access for each booth, wherein each [at least one] booth has a table with [and] a plurality of seating areas, the plurality of seating areas arranged so that viewing screen is visible from the plurality of seating areas, and the table sized to accommodate serving a meal to a plurality of individuals in the seating areas.

2. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the booths of the first location are in a different time zone from the booths in the second location.

3. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein each booth has high speed internet access.

4. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein each booth has access to one or both of cable TV and satellite TV.

5. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein each booth has access to a central server of computer games.

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6. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the booth has access to at least one of internet access, cable TV, satellite broadcast, productivity tools, resources, and an inventory of computer games and programs.

7. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein each location also includes at least one room, each room having videoconferencing capability with a room or booth in a different location.

8. (original) The system of claim 7, wherein each location has computers stations with videoconferencing capability in addition to the rooms and booths.

9. (twice amended) A method of restaurant videoconferencing comprising the steps of:

a) providing a plurality of videoconferencing booths in each of a number of restaurants, each restaurant in a particular geographic location, the plurality of videoconferencing booths of each restaurant being located in an open area sized to accommodate movement of restaurant workers and patrons wherein the plurality of videoconferencing booths are open to each other to promote a restaurant interactive social atmosphere; and

b) conducting videoconferencing between users in at least two booths in different restaurant locations while offering food and/or beverages to the users in each booth.

10. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the restaurants are in different time zones.

11. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the restaurants are in different countries.

12. (original) The method of claim 9, comprising providing one of internet surfing, computer gaming, computer program access, cable TV viewing, broadcast TV viewing,

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satellite TV during step (a).

13. (original) The method of claim 9, comprising providing videoconferencing capability in rooms and computer stations in addition to the booths for users of the restaurant.

14. (original) The method of claim 13, comprising providing videoconferencing capability in rooms and computer stations situated in each location in addition to the booths for users of the restaurant

15. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein a plurality of individuals are present at each booth and interact at each booth for one of social and business pleasure in a public setting.

16. (once amended) The system of claim 1, wherein multiple parties interact at each booth for one of social and business pleasure in a public setting.

17. (added) The method of claim 9, wherein each booth has a table and a plurality of seating areas, the plurality of seating areas arranged so that viewing screen is visible from the plurality of seating areas, and the table sized to accommodate serving a meal to a plurality of individuals in the seating areas.

18. (added) The system of claim 1, wherein each booth has internet access, cable TV, satellite broadcast, productivity tools, resources, and an inventory of computer games and programs.

19. (added) The method of claim 9, wherein each booth has internet access, cable TV, satellite broadcast, productivity tools, resources, and an inventory of computer games and programs.

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20. (added) The method of claim 11, wherein the countries are separated by an ocean.